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## ASSEMBLY NOT TO STOP ANTI-SALOON INQUIRY

### NEW YORK'S CONGRESS GROUP MAKES STATE FOURTH-RATER IN NATION'S ECONOMY FIGHT

10,000,000 Here Most Viciously Interested Practically Voiceless in Crisis.

ROBBED OF INFLUENCE.

Their Delegation, Which Should Lead, Accept "Back Seats" and Avoid Work.

By Martin Green.  
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, March 2.—New York, more vitally interested than any other State in economy in Federal expenditures, has not only been voiceless on the floor of the House in the present crisis in the financial affairs of the Government, but despite its preponderance in membership in the House and its claims to force full and constructive representation in committees, it is overshadowed by other States in this respect. This is especially noticeable when the experience gained by long service of many of New York's representatives is taken into consideration.

It may be alleged in explanation of New York's weakness in committee representation, aside from the lack of aggressiveness on the floor which distinguishes the delegation from the Empire State, that the Republican majority has not been fair—that New York City's almost solid Democratic contingent is given no show in committee assignments. As a matter of fact the Tammany delegation has been fairly well treated, all things considered.

It is further urged that the rules of the House, which favor priority of service rather than ability, work against the possibility of the New York representation in the House, numbering 10 per cent. of its active membership, measuring up to its numerical strength in effectiveness. In this case it is time, in justice to the 10,000,000 people of the State of New York, that its representatives in the House get together and do something about it.

HOW NEW YORK'S POWER IS BELITTLED IN HOUSE.

Admitting that comparisons are odious, there are times when comparisons are more illuminating than any other form of argument put forward to illustrate a fact.

The fact is that New York's power and influence in Congress are not commensurate with her rights and privileges as the greatest State in the Union.

New York is represented in the House at this time by twenty-two Republicans and nineteen Democrats. The forty-one New York

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### MOVE TO CHECK HUGE EXPENDITURES

With Public Debt of \$25,404,331, 707, Congress Committee Against Large Naval Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A decrease of \$24,967,551 in the public debt was effected in February, the Treasury announced today, leaving the total debt \$25,404,331.

Members of the House Naval Committee indicated today that no provision would be made in the annual Naval Appropriation Bill for beginning work on the \$70,000,000 naval base on San Francisco Bay.

Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger said the Navy General Board favored development of such a base, but Chairman Butler said everything could not be provided for "in the present state of Government finances," and that in framing the bill for the next fiscal year the committee would give "first attention to the

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### 33 OUT OF 64 BAY STATE TOWNS VOTE FOR LIQUOR

Former Dry Strongholds in Massachusetts Now Favor Sale of Whiskey.

BOSTON, March 2.—Complete returns to-day from the 64 Massachusetts towns which held their annual elections yesterday showed that 33 registered a heavy vote in favor of selling liquor. Practically all of these towns were previously "dry" strongholds.

Lexington voted "wet" for the first time in 40 years, while Dedham swung to the damp column after being a strong "no license" town for twenty-three years.

DEMPSEY WARRANT HELD UP

Heavyweight Champion Not Yet Arrested on Slacker Charge.

LOS ANGELES, March 2.—Warrants for the arrest of Jack Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, on charges of conspiracy to evade the draft, had not arrived to-day.

Dempsey and Kearns notified United States District Attorney O'Connor they were ready to give themselves up.

WOOD ENTERS JERSEY RACE.

Petition Puts Him in State Presidential Preferential Primaries.

TRENTON, N. J., March 2.—Petition for the submission of the name of Major Gen. Leonard Wood to voters of New Jersey in next month's Presidential preferential primaries was filed with the Secretary of State to-day.

The petition, signed by 1,400 voters of Morris County, was filed by Elias Bertram Mott, Morristown, representing the Leonard Wood League of Morris County.

Favor Bill to Repeal Daylight Saving.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 2.—The House Bill, designed to repeal the Daylight Saving Law, was reported favorably to-day by the Assembly Committee on Agriculture.

### STABS HUSBAND; FREED ON STORY OF HIS DOUBLE LIFE

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Mrs. Estelle Von Tilzer of No. 204 West 94th Street, who admitted to the police this morning that she had tried to kill her husband, was discharged in the West Side Court after telling of an alleged double life led by her husband, Jules Von Tilzer, a music publisher and brother of Harry Von Tilzer.

Mrs. Von Tilzer was arraigned before Magistrate Simpson on a charge of felonious assault. She is a frail, little woman, thirty-nine years old, and told her story in an unemotional voice.

Von Tilzer first testified that he went home last night at 11:30 and found some of his wife's friends there drinking. The friends left at 1:30 this morning, Von Tilzer said, and his wife, who had been injured in an automobile accident, became hysterical.

"Did you have any words with your wife," asked Assistant District Attorney Maurice Lynch.

"I never have any words with my wife," replied Von Tilzer. "I said nothing. She did all the talking. I was not particularly interested at the time. I do not remember what she said. I fell asleep. The next I knew was a sharp pain in my left side and blood on my body. She was standing over me with a knife."

Von Tilzer identified a long broad knife, which appeared to have been freshly sharpened.

Mrs. Von Tilzer was then called to the stand.

WIFE SAYS OTHER WOMAN REVEALED DOUBLE LIFE.

"Last Saturday when I came home from the doctor's the telephone rang," she said. "I answered it, and a woman's voice said:

"Are you Mrs. Von Tilzer? Are you seeking a divorce?"

"In order to find out what it meant, I answered 'Yes' and she said, 'I'll give you all the evidence. He has been living with another woman for three years and he told her he was a single man. She just recently found out that he was married.'"

"This woman said that she was a third party and that she would arrange a meeting between the other

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### ELECTION HELD UP WHEN TOWN CLERK SLEEPS TOO LONG

Winsted Man's Alarm Clock Fails to Go Off, but He Is Again Chosen for Office.

WINSTED, Conn., March 2.—TOWN CLERK EDWARD A. WILMOT, of Torrington, a Republican, is a very sound sleeper. He slept so late yesterday morning he interfered with the prompt beginning of the election in his town.

The polls were supposed to open at 6 o'clock. The receivers of votes appeared punctually at the Borough Clerk's office, where the ballot lists are kept, and waited and waited for Mr. Wilmot, who had the key to the vault containing the papers.

### ANTI-SALOON MEN HALT ALL EFFORTS TO BLOCK INQUIRY

Assembly Leaders Will Make No Further Effort to Block Investigation.

COMMITTEE ACTS SOON.

Judiciary Body Will Make Probe as Soon as Socialist Trial Ends.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 2.—No efforts will be made by legislative leaders to block an Assembly investigation into the Anti-Saloon League, Simon L. Adler, majority leader of the Assembly, said to-day.

On the contrary, the leaders expect to take whatever steps may be necessary to speed up the investigation and get it over.

Chairman Louis Martin said that his committee is prepared to take up this work as soon as it has completed the Socialist investigation.

### ANDERSON LAYS DRY INQUIRY TO BARNES-TAMMANY

Albany Vote, He Says, Indicates Wets Have Quit Trying to Block Prohibition.

Roused by the vote of sixty-one to fifty-two by which the Assembly at Albany last night adopted the Cuvillier resolution to investigate the Anti-Saloon League and its activities at the Capital, William H. Anderson, Superintendent of the league, to-day attributed the resolution to the "Barnes-Tammany bunch" and, warning the Republican organization of what the "moral element" in the party will do to them if they go too far, practically defied Albany to do its worst.

Louis A. Cuvillier, Democrat, author of the resolution, has introduced a bill legalizing the sale of beer in New York State with an alcoholic content up to 6 per cent.

A type-written statement by Supp. Anderson was given out at League headquarters, No. 906 Broadway.

Mr. Anderson, a young woman secretary said, has been ill with influenza at his home in Yonkers for ten days. Asked if she thought the vote of the Assembly had had any effect upon his illness, the young woman said "Yes, he is feeling much better."

Mr. Anderson's statement says the vote indicates that the "wets" have abandoned their efforts to block the enforcement of Prohibition or else is an effort of the Old Guard to throw a wrench into Anti-Saloon machinery in the interests of Senator Wade-worth.

Most of the Republican Assemblymen are good men, Anderson says, but many of them are always ready to betray their party to Tammany. His statement reads, in part:

"There are so many comical aspects

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### VOTERS MAY PASS ON AMENDMENTS

Bill of Johnston, of New York, Would Take Ratification Power Away From Legislatures.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Decision as to the ratification of Constitutional amendments would be by the voters of a State instead of the Legislatures, under a resolution introduced by Representative Johnston, Democrat, New York.

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### FRENCHIEST OF FRENCH SUITS STIRS FIFTH AVE.



New Knee-Length Skirt From Paris Is Feature of Stunning Costume.

This Frenchiest of French suits, featuring a knee-length skirt, caused a stir when worn recently in Fifth Avenue. The costume is made up of an eon coat suit of blue pique twill, trimmed with three rows of white and black ribbon; with the new elbow-length sleeves and the short skirt.

### GOV. EDWARDS SIGNS JERSEY BILL FOR 3.50 BEER

Measure Passed by Legislature Becomes Effective After Peace Treaty Is Signed.

TRENTON, N. J., March 2.—Governor Edwards shortly after noon today signed the bill passed by the Legislature to allow the manufacture and sale of beverages containing 3 1/2 per cent. of alcohol. The law, however, does not become operative until termination of the state of war.

Senator Simpson of Hudson County and Assemblyman Barrett of Essex, both Democrats, were among those who witnessed the signing. The pen used by the Governor will be presented to the Personal Liberty League, organization of which has been started in New York.

Gov. Edwards to-day declared he was going to San Francisco to carry the anti-Prohibition fight into the Democratic National Convention.

Edwards said that although the "Anti-Saloon League is continually misrepresenting my attitude, and although its own incompetence, William Jennings Bryan, sailing around in the salaried heavens of fanaticism, attended by the lesser luminaries, have directed their beams against me, yet they have only served to lighten the issue and have not obscured my attitude."

Attorney General Thomas F. McCran will use the law as basis for a test case against the Prohibition Amendment and the Volstead act to be filed this week with the United States Supreme Court.

It was the opinion of the twelve Senators that Congress had gone too far when it arbitrarily decided that to be non-interfering within the meaning of the amendment a fluid must contain less than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol.

NO MORE FREE SEEDS.

So Congress Cuts \$240,000 From Nation's Budget.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Acting on the recommendation of the new Secretary of Agriculture, the Senate Agriculture Committee to-day voted to eliminate from the annual agricultural bill the \$240,000 voted by the House to continue the custom of distribution of free seeds to their constituents by members of Congress.

Meanwhile the Congress, Benjamin Bernstein, had shut off the power and discovered there was no fire. Nobody was hurt, but there were narrow escapes in the excitement.

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### SEVEN DROWNED AS STRANDED SHIP BREAKS AND SINKS

Sailors Who Remained on Steamer Bohemian Saved on Life-Lines.

MANY ARE INJURED.

Tug Pushes Way Close to Shore to Pick Up the Survivors.

HALIFAX, March 2.—Seven lives are believed to have been lost when the crew of the Leyland liner Bohemian abandoned the ship as she was breaking up on the Sambro Ledges this morning. Several others were injured.

The ship, bound from Boston to Liverpool, ran aground in a blinding snowstorm while endeavoring to put into Halifax yesterday. Her sixty-four passengers were taken off in safety, 120 members of the crew remaining on board.

Late last night the ship began to pound heavily. At 4 o'clock this morning it was decided to abandon her. Three boats got away safely, but the other men were unable to take to the boats. The tug Roebing went as close to the stranded ship as possible, and the transfer of those still on board was attempted by life lines. It is believed the loss of life occurred then.

Soon after the crew left the vessel she broke in two and sank.

At 11 o'clock last night, before she broke up the ship's agents received the following wireless from Capt. Hince, her commander:

"Lighters alongside and wrecking pump. Ship pounding heavily. Crew refused to discharge cargo. Poor prospects saving ship. Main mast swinging. Boulder underneath. Will continue to do all possible."

As bales of cotton were seen being cast overboard, it was believed the Captain had been able to persuade his crew to obey orders. The craft was stranded 300 feet from shore.

### VESSEL IN DISTRESS SENDS S. O. S. CALLS

Moose Haucis, From London to Mobile, Breaks Three Propeller Blades Near Azores.

MOBILE, Ala., March 2.—Broadcast S. O. S. calls were sent out to-day by the steamer Moose Haucis, bound from London to Mobile, according to the Van Heyningen Brokerage Company, to which the vessel was consigned.

The message said three propeller blades were broken and the vessel was in a helpless condition near the Azores.

Two More Vessels Are Reported in Distress.

NEWPORT, R. I., March 2.—The steamship Cedar Springs went ashore on Rose Island, near here, to-day. The vessel is in no danger. She is expected to be released at high tide to-day. The revenue cutter Amahnet is reported towing the disabled steamer Hilton to this port.

GIRLS IN FIRE PANIC.

Four Engine Companies Answer Call, But Learn Alarm Was False.

Miss Philomena Mizukawa, eighteen years, was working on an electric sewing machine in the plant of the Specialty Kneecaps Company, No. 82 Mulberry Street, when the machine began to sputter.

She screamed "Fire!"

A second later a score of girls were scrambling for the exits. One, Jenny Chionda, fainted. A dozen or more reached the street and somebody turned in an alarm, which brought four engine companies.

Meanwhile the company, Benjamin Bernstein, had shut off the power and discovered there was no fire. Nobody was hurt, but there were narrow escapes in the excitement.

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### M'ADOO PROPOSES PURCHASE OF ISLANDS FROM BRITAIN TO CUT WAR DEBT TO U. S.

Ex-Secretary of Treasury Believes Offer of Deal Would Be Accepted—Urged as Means of Lowering Taxation and Stabilizing Exchange.

By David Lawrence.  
(Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, March 2 (Copyright, 1920).—William Gibbs McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, is in town for a little while, presumably to nurse along his political boom.

Having dealt with matters of taxation, it is natural that he should be found discussing ways of reducing taxes. And the most novel suggestion he makes is that the United States shall buy several British colonies, such as the Bermudas, Jamaica, British Honduras, Barbadoes, the Bahamas, Nassau and other islands off the Atlantic Coast of this continent.

In payment, McAdoo declares the United States should give Great Britain credit on her war debt to us. This, he believes, will help Great Britain and ourselves because it will tend to stabilize exchange and mean an earlier settlement of the European debt.

It is hard to estimate what the price of the islands is on the market of international barter, but not long ago the United States purchased the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000. Of course the British possessions are much more valuable than that.

The price might be calculated on the basis of exports and imports and some of the British possessions are worth a good deal. Jamaica, for instance, has plenty of sugar, though its rum isn't particularly useful at this time. On the whole the United States could find a billion dollars worth of value in some of these islands without much trouble and get it back in commodities in a short time.

Were it not for the principle enunciated by the distinguished father-in-law of Mr. McAdoo, namely the principle of self-determination, it would be easy to get the proposition going, for it is said that British sentiment is not a bit adverse to discussion of the matter.

What, for instance, would be the opinion of peoples in the Bermudas, Bahamas and so on about being annexed to Dry Land?

Seriously speaking, there has been an annexation movement in some of these British islands for some time. They have wanted to be annexed to the United States for various reasons, mostly commercial advantages growing out of geographical proximity. But the advantages of prohibition have not yet taken hold of the British imagination.

Perhaps the islands could be gotten ready for annexation only after some of the Anti-Saloon League's agents had been able to sow the seed which was so effective inside the United States.

Mr. McAdoo, however, sees the question purely as to its bearing on financial relations between the British Empire and the United States. Says Mr. McAdoo:

"It is highly desirable, both on our own account and that of our Allies, that the settlement of our loans to our Allies be rendered as quick and as easy as possible. Our chief debtor is, of course, Great Britain, and this arises naturally out of the fact that Great Britain has liberally pledged her credit to sustain that of her Allies."

"Now for the past one hundred years Great Britain has held certain islands in and near our shores, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Barbadoes, Nassau, British Honduras, and the Bermudas, off our South Atlantic Coast."

Those British possessions, so long held by a friendly maritime power, do not jeopardize the security of the Atlantic and Gulf coast of the United States. With the growth of time

SENATE VOTES AGAIN FOR RESERVATION

14 Democrats Join Republicans in Readopting Declaration on Domestic Questions.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The Republican peace treaty reservation declaring the right of the United States to decide all domestic questions under the League of Nations was readopted by the Senate to-day by a vote of 56 to 25 after repeated efforts by the Democrats to amend it had failed. Fourteen Democrats voted with the solid Republican membership for the reservation. On its original adoption last November, the vote was 59 to 36, with eleven Democrats voting in the affirmative.

A substitute for the League reservation, proposed by Senator Hitchcock and providing that the United States is not required to submit to the League any domestic question, was voted down 36 to 44.

The Senate at once took up the League reservation on the Monroe Doctrine and Senator Lodge moved its adoption without amendment.

ADRIATIC PARLEY SUDDENLY BROKEN

No Reason Given for Ending of Conversations Between Italy and the Jugo-Slavs.